

CROP-WEATHER REPORT

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Agricultural Summary

The month of November brought above normal temperatures with limited precipitation throughout the state. Kalispell received the largest amount of precipitation for the month of November at 0.65 inches. The weather outlook for the week of December 13 through December 19 shows above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation. Normal temperatures for this period range from highs in the mid 20s to the upper 30s and lows from zero to the upper teens.

Soil Moisture Condition Table

	This Month	Last Year
Topsoil Moisture		
Very Short	17	27
Short	44	46
Adequate	39	26
Surplus	0	1
Subsoil Moisture		
Very Short	36	51
Short	38	38
Adequate	26	11
Surplus	0	0

Field Crops and Livestock Report

Seventy-eight percent of the 2005 winter wheat crop is currently rated good to excellent. **Winter wheat** is 98 percent emerged which is above last year's 89 percent.

Range and pasture feed condition declined slightly this month. Ranchers continue to do some supplemental feeding for cattle and sheep. Supplemental feeding of cattle and sheep is less than last year's average.

Crop Table

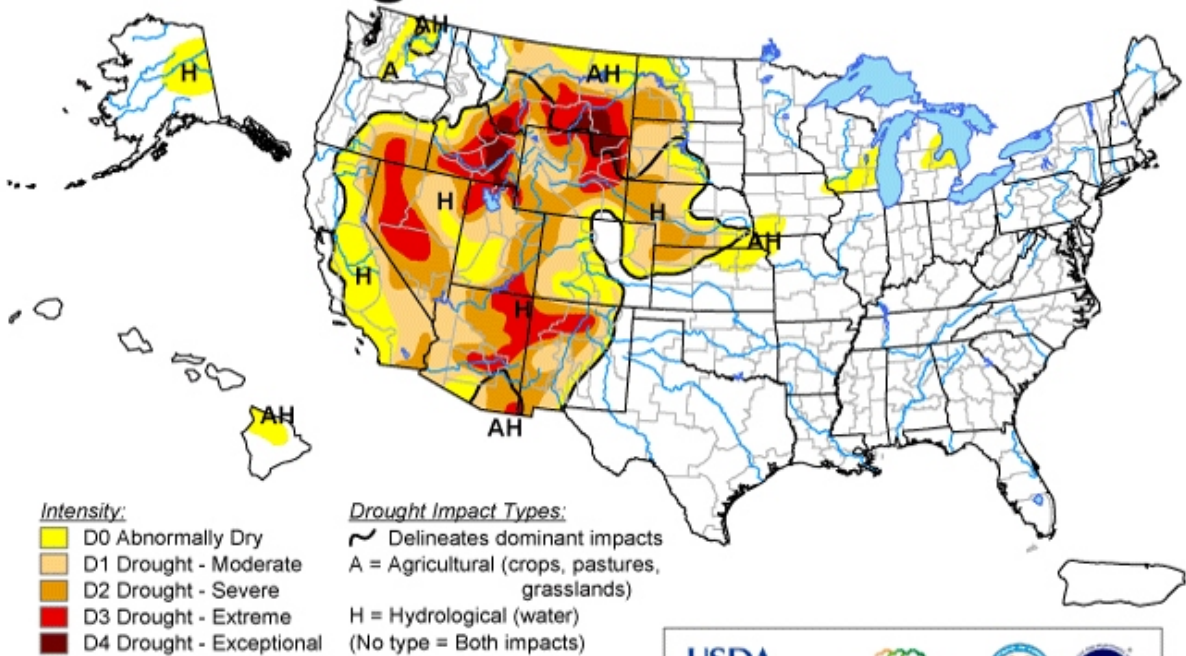
	This Month	Last Year
Winter Wheat - Condition		
Very Poor	0	4
Poor	2	19
Fair	20	48
Good	53	27
Excellent	25	2
Winter Wheat - Progress		
Emerged	98	89

Livestock Table

	This Month	Last Year
Range & Pasture Feed Condition		
Very Poor	26	22
Poor	25	39
Fair	29	29
Good	17	9
Excellent	2	1
Livestock Grazing		
Open	87	73
Difficult	8	17
Closed	5	10
Receiving Supplemental Feed		
Cattle	48	65
Sheep and Lambs	41	68

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